

AN ACT relating to education.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing  
Sections 27-22.3 and 27-23.5 as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/27-22.3) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-22.3)

Sec. 27-22.3. Volunteer service credit program.

(a) A school district may establish a volunteer service credit program that enables secondary school students to earn credit towards graduation through performance of community service. This community service may include participation in the organization of a high school or community blood drive or other blood donor recruitment campaign. Any program so established shall begin with students entering grade 9 in the 1993-1994 school year or later. The amount of credit given for program participation shall not exceed that given for completion of one semester of language arts, math, science or social studies.

(b) Any community service performed as part of a course for which credit is given towards graduation shall not qualify under a volunteer service credit program. Any service for which a student is paid shall not qualify under a volunteer service credit program. Any community work assigned as a disciplinary measure shall not qualify under a volunteer service credit program.

(c) School districts that establish volunteer service credit programs shall establish any necessary rules, regulations and procedures.

(Source: P.A. 87-1082.)

(105 ILCS 5/27-23.5)

Sec. 27-23.5. Organ/tissue and blood donor and transplantation programs. Each school district that maintains grades 9 and 10 may include in its curriculum and teach to the students of either such grade one unit of instruction on organ/tissue and blood donor and transplantation programs. No student shall be required to take or participate in instruction on organ/tissue and blood donor and transplantation programs if a parent or guardian files written objection thereto on constitutional grounds, and refusal to take or participate in such instruction on those grounds shall not be reason for suspension or expulsion of a student or result in any academic penalty.

The regional superintendent of schools in which a school district that maintains grades 9 and 10 is located shall obtain and distribute make-available to each the school that maintains grades 9 and 10 in ~~beard--of~~ the district information and data, including instructional materials provided at no cost by America's Blood Centers, the American Red Cross, and Gift of Hope, that may be used by the school district in developing a unit of instruction under this Section. However, each school board shall determine the minimum amount of instructional time that shall qualify as a unit of instruction satisfying the requirements of this Section.

(Source: P.A. 90-635, eff. 7-24-98.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.